# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# FINANCE
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:284
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DEBT BURDEN OF GOVERNMENT
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

(a) the details of the total debt both external and internal of the Government as on date;

(b) whether the debt burden of the Government is increasing year after year;

(c) if so, the details of the same for the last three years, year-wise; and

(d) the measures being taken by the Government for reducing its debt burden?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a), (b), (c) and (d): A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 284 REGARDING `DEBT BURDEN OF GOVERNMENT` FOR ANSWER ON AUGUST 12,2005.
(a) to (d): A statement giving the details of inte.rnal debt and external debt of the Government since 2001-02 is annexed. While the total liabilities of the Government has been increasing, the external debt, at book value, has declined in comparison to externc;ll debt outstanding at the end of financial year 2001-02 and there is a moderation in growth of total liabilities as percentage ofGDP during the period. The Government has been following a comprehensive strategy to moderate growth in debt burden through a policy of fiscal rectitude, recourse to sources of lower cost borrowings and debt restructuring measures to reduce the carrying cost of outstanding debt.

Annex

Statement showing the outstanding total debt, internal debt, external debt and other internal liabilities since 2001-02.

| Item/Year | 2001-02 | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 (RE) | 2005-06 (BE) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Internal Debt | 9,13,061 | 10,37,163 | 11,41,706 | 12,70,272 | 14,06,525 |
| External Debt | 71,546 | 59,612 | 46,124 | 54,359 | 63,215 |
| Other Internal Liabilities | 3,81,802 | 4,78,901 | 5,48,848 | 6,56,883 | 7,62,146 |
| Total Liabilities | 13,66,408 | 15,59,201 | 17,36,678 | 19,81,514 | 22,31,886 |
| Total liabilities as percentage of GDP | 59.87% | 63.140/0 | 62.92% | 63.74% | 64.11 % |